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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION IN NEW DELHI

REF: NEW DELHI 1066

1. IF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE THE AMBASSADOR PLANS AN EVENING BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION ON RIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, WHEN THE WEATHER WILL BE MOST SUITED TO SUCH AN EVE T. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE STATE OF US-INDIA RELATIONS, THE AMBASSADOR INTENDS THAT THE FOCUS OF THE CEREMONY WILL BE ON TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF US ACHIEVEMENTS AND WILL AVOID A BILATERAL US-INDIA CONTENT. WE RECOGNIZE THAT A CELEBRATION OF TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF US FREEDOM MAY CARRY WITH IT IMPLICIT CRITICISM OF THE INDIAN EMERGENCY BUT WE BELIEVE US ACHIEVEMENTS ARE WORTHY OF CELEBRATION IN THE COMPANY OF THE HIGHEST OFFICIALS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WHATEVER CONCLUSIONS MAY BE DRAWN BY SOME.

2. THE CENTERPIECE OF THE COMMEMORATION WILL BE A CEREMONY CONSISTING OF MASSING THE COLORS PERFORMED BY THE EMBASSY MARINES, A FORMAL ADDRESS BY THE AMBASSADOR AND A BRIEF FIREWORKS DISPLAY. USIS WILL MOUNT AN EXHIBIT ON THE RESIDENCE VERANDA THROUGH WHICH GUESTS WILL MOVE ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. WE ARE LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING A US LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MILITARY BAND OR FIFE AND DRUM CORPS SOMEWHERE IN THE

AREA.

3. THIS COMMEMORATION WILL REQUIRE \$4,000 OF THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS WHICH WE HAVE REQUESTED IN REFTEL. WE HAVE ONLY A MONTH IN WHICH TO PREPARE AND WILL HAVE TO KNOW WITHIN SEVERAL DAYS WHETHER MONEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AS WE MUST BEGIN TO MAKE COMMITMENTS IMMEDIATELY.

4. IF THE DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO INFORM US REGARDING PRECISE AMOUNTS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD RECEIVE EARLY INFORMAL ADVICE CONCERNING THE GENERAL ORDER OF FUNDS WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE.  
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